GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3582
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2004
DISTRIBUTION OF SYNTHETIC VITAMIN A
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Mandlik Shri Sadashivrao Dadoba;Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore;Yadav Shri Anirudh Prasad (Sadhu)

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued guidelines for distribution of synthetic Vitamin-A to children under the National Programme for prophylaxis against blindness in children in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines;

(c) whether there has been any difference in the guidelines of Government of India and the UNICEF;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the states not observing the Government rules/guidelines in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. As per the guidelines, for prophylaxis against blindness in children in the country, all children below one year of age are given a dose of 1,00,000 International Units of Vitamin A at the age of 9 months, followed by a dose of 2,00,000 International Units at six monthly intervals thereafter till the age of three years.

(c)&(d)UNICEF supports Government programmes implemented according to the existing guidelines.

(e) All states of the country are observing the Government guidelines in this regard.

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